



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
December 16, 2019 – 7:00pm

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Steve Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach and Sheri Rainville

Public Present: Robby Rodimer, Amy LaRow, Corey Parent, William Kirk, Chris Cota, Dan Noel, Chad Montgomery & Jon Caissy

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager), David Raymond and Bill Stygles

Call to Order: S. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements/Additions:

Minutes

12-2-19 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane. Sheri abstained, all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:

12-9-19 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier
12-16-19 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by Duane

Public Comment:

Correspondence:

- Dollar General – Liquor License Application, the board reviewed the application, S. Bessette made the motion to accept the application, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.
- Shared letter regarding McNall Rd Bridge. A letter written from Hardy Structural Engineering expressed on their observation, the bridge and support abutments are in good structural condition. Brad reiterated this is a class 4 road and the town does not maintain it. Excess weight permits may be required on this road.

Amy LaRow: Resident of Sam Webb Rd regarding paving: Amy and other residents on or off from Sam Webb came to the board tonight to ask for the road to be paved. They presented a petition with approximately 90 signatures. S. Cormier spoke for the board and informed them that any road that is dirt right now will not be paved. The only paving is for the upkeep to already paved roads, not to say that in 5-10 years this couldn't change. Brad spoke

to the proposed plans for Sam Webb Rd for the upcoming budget. Should the budget pass, then ditching will be done on Sam Webb. Currently the road isn't up to satisfactory conditions to pave anyway.

Hearing concerning Dog Ordinance Violation: David Raymond; Health Officer and Bill Stygles; Animal Control Officer were present. The dog owner was informed of the meeting but not present. The purpose of this hearing is to determine standards to ensure this behavior does not continue to pose a threat to the health and safety of the general public within Fairfax. Last year there were 2 reported bites from this dog. The last incident on December 11th, the dog was at home confined for 10 days. David Raymond went to the premises to verify. Bill Stygles on multiple occasions has picked up the dog for running at large. Three letters have been sent to the dog owner explaining in detail that this behavior will not be allowed. A \$50.00 fine for ordinance violation will be issued, the dog will be required to be muzzled and restrained to the owner's property.

Corey Parent: Hickok and Boardman insurance renewal: Corey presented the board with an estimated renewal quote. Currently flood coverage was incomplete. Brad will receive this once it becomes available. Corey reviewed the quote with the board, a notable change is the workers compensation portion has changed carriers. There are still many programs available for training. The board thanked Corey for coming in this evening.

Employee Policy: The updated policy was revised to take effect from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The only addition was for holiday time for part time employees. This allows for employees that are normally scheduled to work on a day a holiday falls, they will be paid their normal hours for that day. Sheri made the motion to accept the updated policy, seconded by S. Bessette. All in favor, Randy abstained.

Town Manager Updates:

- Brad met with Tim and Leslie Nulty from MC Fiber last week. MC Fiber is currently in Fletcher and is looking to come into Fairfax for 12 miles. There is a possibility for partnership between MC Fiber and the Town. Brad will continue to discuss the matter with the Nulty's.
- Article Funding: At the previous meeting Carl Jones had asked if Rescue and Special Services (Non-Budgetary funds) could be based on equal amounts of the tax bill like the trash is. Brad has spoken with legal counsel, while there is not a defined answer yet, it seems there is a possibility. Any expense that is on a property tax bill that is not part of the Housesite Tax can not be used towards your income tax rebate.
- While on the conversation of Special Services, it was discussed that the Selectboard will review each request for donations prior to being placed on the ballot.
- EWP (Emergency Water Protection) assistant request: This program is for homeowners to look at potential threat prevention. Brad will be meeting with the EWP on Thursday to look at possible sites.
- MPG (Municipal Planning Grant) The Planning Commission received this grant. The match funds were placed in the upcoming budget.
- Youth Representation: Brad thought it would be nice to get high school student(s) who wished to be more involved with the Town of Fairfax/ local government a chance to attend SB meetings. The students have a different approach and vision. The board loved the idea, Brad will reach out to the school.

Other Business:

Adjournment:

At 8:50 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears; Administrative Assistant.

Steven Cormier
Selectboard Chair

**** The recorded meeting is available through LCATV or the Town's website. ****